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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This application is one of eleven related and copending applications by the same inventor and claiming related subject matter. The other ten applications are serial numbers 10/459,674, 10/459,349, 10/459,350, 10/459,019, 10/458,855, 10/459,297, 10/458,844, 10/845,345, 11/004,742 and 11/323,165.

The Office action listed in the IDS accompanying this Letter is from the copending application indicated, and is submitted in view of the holding of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in *McKesson Information Solutions, Inc. v. Bridge Medical, Inc.* 487 F.3d 987, 82 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1865 (CAFC 2007) ("McKesson") relating to disclosing Office actions in copending related applications.

The Notice of Allowance disclosed in the accompanying IDS was issued in application serial number 10/459,349. The final fee was never paid in that application. Instead, an RCE was filed

in order to disclose additional prior art. However, the Notice of Allowance is disclosed herewith as a matter of great caution in view of the holding in McKesson.

Finally, the International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority disclosed in the IDS accompanying this Letter was received in International application No. PCT/US05/43469, the U.S. application of which is application serial No. 11/004,742.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment that may be associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,

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